

**Regular Meeting
Board of Zoning Appeals
February 1, 2012**

Secretary Brad Schnarr called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals to order at 6:30 p.m. Josh Gunselman took roll call as follows:

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| Chairman Jerry Uebelhor | -Absent | Randy Mehringer | -Present |
| Secretary Brad Schnarr | -Present | Bob Cook | -Absent |
| Josh Gunselman | -Present | Darla Blazey, Bldg. Comm. | -Present |
| | | Atty. Sharon Bohnenkemper | -Present |

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Secretary Schnarr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the December 7, 2011, Regular Meeting and the January 4, 2012, Regular Meeting were reviewed. Randy Mehringer made a motion to approve the minutes as mailed. It was seconded by Josh Gunselman. Motion carried 3-0.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Randy Mehringer nominated Jerry Uebelhor as Chairman, Brad Schnarr as Vice Chairman and Josh Gunselman as Secretary. Josh Gunselman seconded it. Motion carried 3-0. Josh Gunselman made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Randy Mehringer. Josh Gunselman made a motion to approve the nominations as presented. Randy Mehringer seconded it. Motion carried 3-0.

STATEMENT

Secretary Schnarr read the following statement. "We are now ready to begin the public hearings scheduled for this evening. With respect to tonight's meeting and public hearings, we are hereby incorporating by reference into the record of tonight's meeting and public hearings, City of Jasper Ordinance Number 1993-17, entitled "Zoning Ordinance of the City of Jasper, Indiana and its jurisdictional area" and any and all amendments thereto, and the City of Jasper Comprehensive Plan. Audio and videotapes of these proceedings are also incorporated by reference into this evening's record."

NEW BUSINESS

Petition of Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, d/b/a/ The Timbers of Jasper for a variance from Section 16.03.060 (Limitation on Signs)

Susan Meadows was present on behalf of the Timbers of Jasper to request permission to erect a brick monument sign on its property located at 2909 Howard Drive. The property is zoned R-2, and the nursing home operates in that district with a special exception that was previously granted. According to the zoning ordinance, only four-square feet of signage is allowed in a residential district. Ms. Meadows said the request for a larger, business-like sign would allow the Timbers of Jasper to be more viewable to the public.

Discussion followed regarding the size of the sign. The Board suggested reducing the square-footage from the requested 72 square feet to something no larger than 50 square feet, which would still be larger than the sign currently erected on the property. Ms. Meadows requested to table the public hearing until next month's meeting in order to discuss the change with her authorities.

Randy Mehringer made a motion to table the public hearing. Secretary Gunselman seconded it. Motion carried 3-0.

Clarification of the Board of Zoning Appeals regarding number of members

Attorney Sharon Bohnenkemper explained that after some thorough research, it was discovered that I.C. 36-7-4-903 may have been misinterpreted in the past when a sixth member was added, and that a proposed zoning ordinance text amendment could be considered at upcoming Plan Commission and Common Council meetings to correct the zoning ordinance.

With no further discussion, Secretary Gunselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Randy Mehringer. Motion carried 3-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Jerry Uebelhor, Chairman

Josh Gunselman, Secretary

Kathy M. Pfister, Recording Secretary